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SUBJECT: PANAMA CANAL TREATY NEGOTIATIONS--WASHINGTON
ACTIVITIES

FOR MINISTER BELL AND LTG. DOLVIN FROM WYROUGH

----- I.

THIS IS MESSAGE NO. 3 FOR THE NEGOTIATORS PERTAINING TO
THE NOVEMBER NEGOTIATING ROUND.

----- II.

1. MEETING WITH POLICY COMMITTEE OF PCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
AMBASSADOR BUNKER HAS AGREED TO MEET WITH THE NEWLY-CON-
STITUTED POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE PANAMA CANAL COMPANY'S
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON DECEMBER 15 AT 9:00 A.M., FOR THE
PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE CANAL NEGOTIATIONS. MR. VEYSEY'S
OFFICE HAS INVITED THE TWO OF YOU TO ATTEND THE MEETING
ALSO. I WILL BE COORDINATING FURTHER AS TO REQUIREMENTS
FOR A BRIEFING, ETC., AND WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

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2. SPEECH BY VICE ADMIRAL MOORER: THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN

ASKED BY OSD PUBLIC AFFAIRS TO CLEAR A SPEECH BY VICE

ADMIRAL MOORER FOR DELIVERY TO THE JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER OF THE NAVY LEAGUE. THE SPEECH IS FAR-RANGING AND TOUCHES ON A NUMBER OF SUBJECTS OF POLITICAL/MILITARY INTEREST AROUND THE WORLD. THE SECTION ON THE CANAL NEGOTIATIONS IS AS FOLLOWS:

FIRST, PANAMA AND THE CANAL ISSUE. THE PANAMANIANIANS WANT THE UNITED STATES OUT BY THE YEAR 2000. TREATY NEGOTIATIONS HAVE SLOWED OVER A LACK OF AGREEMENT ON DEFENSE AND OPERATION DURATIONS. I AM CONVINCED THAT A NEW TREATY WILL BE NEGOTIATED; WHETHER OR NOT IT WILL BE RATIFIED BY CONGRESS IS ANOTHER MATTER. WITHOUT RATIFICATION I WOULD ANTICIPATE A SEVERE REACTION THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA AGAINST THE UNITED STATES. IT IS THE NAVY AND THE JCS POSITION THAT THE PANAMA CANAL REMAINS A VALUABLE, NECESSARY US ASSET. ANY NEW TREATY MUST PROVIDE ADEQUATELY FOR THE MAINTAINANCE OF OUR DEFENSE AND OPERATING INTERESTS AND GUARANTEE THAT AFTER THE TREATY'S TERMINATION, THE CANAL WOULD REMAIN OPEN TO ALL WORLD SHIPPING WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION AND AT REASONABLE TOLLS. THIS GUARANTEE MUST BE DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS A RIGHT TO USE THE CANAL AS LONG AS IT DESIRES TO DO SO. U.S. INTERESTS IN THIS MATTER WOULD BE BEST SERVED FROM A SECURITY AND OPERATIONAL VIEWPOINT BY PERPETUATING THE PRESENT TREATY. POLITICAL PRESSURES, HOWEVER, DICTATE THAT THE TREATY BE RENEGOTIATED NOW.

I HAVE ADVISED ARA/PA THAT WE DO NOT CONCUR IN THE SECTION AS CURRENTLY DRAFTED BECAUSE IT APPEARS ON BALANCE TO BE NOT FULLY IN ACCORD WITH APPROVED NATIONAL POLICY AND RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY MR. CLEMENTS AND GENERAL BROWN. INSTEAD, IT CREATES THE IMPRESSION OF A PREFERENCE TO MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO IN THE FACE OF POLITICAL PRESSURE FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS. I AM IN TOUCH WITH BOB DUKER AND DEFENSE HAS AGREED TO CHANGE THE TEXT. WE WILL MONITOR.

3. UNILATERAL ACTIONS: BARKLEY IS HAND CARRYING COPY
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RECEIVED 11/18 OF VEYSEY/DOLVIN LETTER TO AMBASSADOR BUNKER ON UNILATERAL ACTIONS. NOTE THAT PLAN TO ADVISE CONGRESS IN ADVANCE CONCERNING FIRST TWO ITEMS (E.G., USE BY GOP OF NAVY PIPELINES AND FORMATION OF JOINT COMMISSION TO INCREASE PANAMANIAN COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES IN CANAL ZONE) PRECLUDES NEGOTIATOR USE AT THIS TIME. LETTER LEAVES FOR POSSIBLE NEGOTIATOR ANNOUNCEMENT AT THIS TIME ONLY USE OF FT. SAN LORENZO AND TWO ACTIONS

ALREADY INITIATED IN PANAMA (E.G., USE OF PIER 20 AND PERMISSION FOR HIGH TENSION LINE ACROSS AREA BETWEEN CHILIBRE AND CALZADA LARGA.)

4. REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR BUNKER BY SECRETARY HOFFMAN: SECRETARY OF THE ARMY HOFFMAN'S OFFICE HAS ASKED FOR A MEETING ON FRIDAY NOVEMBER 28 AT 2 P.M. FOR AMBASSADOR BUNKER WITH SECRETARY OF THE ARMY HOFFMAN AND MR. VEYSEY. JUDY IS HOLDING THE TIME OPEN PENDING CONFIRMATION BY THE AMBASSADOR.

5. CONGRESSIONAL VISIT: LES JANKA OF THE NSC STAFF AND GEORGE M. ANDRICOS IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS WILL ACCOMPANY CONGRESSMEN HAMILTON, OBEY AND STAFF MEMBER VAN DUSEN ON CONGRESSIONAL VISIT. TOGETHER WITH HOWARD, ARA/PAN, TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTY WILL BE SIX. (BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM, DEPARTMENT IS SENDING AUTHORIZING CABLE TODAY.)

6. GEORGE GEDDA ARTICLE: GEORGE GEDDA HAS WRITTEN TWO ARTICLES--ONE IN ENGLISH AND ONE LONGER VERSION FOR LATIN AMERICAN DISTRIBUTION--REGARDING NEGOTIATIONS. TEXT OF SPANISH VERSION OF ARTICLE PLUS INFORMAL TRANSLATION WAS PASSED TO EMBASSY BY PHONE THIS AFTERNOON. KISSINGER

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